Penny on Trial

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Callie sat in the courtroom and couldn't believe she was here. She was so happy, happy to be getting a fresh start with her girlfriend. Happy to be going with her. And happy to be asked to go. This was what she wanted.

And now, here she wasâ€¦sitting in a courtroom, watching everyone she loved and cared about be asked questions. Who was a better mother. Who picked Sofia up? Where did she spend the most time?

It all sucked so bad. And now. Now she had to watch her girlfriend take the stand and defend them. Defend their moving. It was only for a year! How much had Arizona moved around as a child, and now she was throwing a big fit about her going away for just one year. It was absurd.

"Ms. Blakeâ€¦you have been granted the Preminger grant, is that correct?" Arizona's lawyer asked Penny. Callie watched her and gave her a little smile to encourage her along.

"That's right."

"And it will take you to New York for an entire year?"

"Correct."

"And does it allow you to bring along guests with you?"

"Objection!" Callie's lawyer stood up causing Callie to jump.

"Move it along counselor," The judge said. The courtroom doors opened, causing everyone to turn and look. A man walked in and headed to the front, handing a small piece of paper to Arizona's lawyer. The lawyer looked at it, smiled, and looked back at Penny.

"Ms. Blake, you just transferred here this year, correct?" Arizona's lawyer continued.

"That's correct."

"And you were at a much smaller hospital before?"

"Yes, it was very small in comparison to Grey Sloan."

"Ahh, Grey Sloan, funny you should mention that name. That is a name synonymous with so many people in this area. Everyone has heard that name. Right?"

"I really couldn't say," Penny said and shifted uncomfortably in her seat. Callie scrunched her face ever so slightly, confused with the questions.

"But as a medical student, you had heard of it, correct?"

"Of course."

"Can I ask where you met Ms. Torres?" Arizona's lawyer asked walking towards Callie.

"We met at a bar."

"Oh. That's nice. Which bar?"

"Most people refer to it as Joe's but some call it The Emerald City bar."

"Rightâ€¦that must have been very fortunate for you. To meet her there. Was it your first time at the bar?"

Penny just looked at the lawyer unsure of what was happening. "No, I had been there a few times before."

"Had you met any other women there?"

"Objection your honor. Where is this going?" Callie's lawyer asked standing up.

"Counselor, if you don't have any questions that pertain to the case at hand I'm going to have to ask you to move it along," the judge told her. But the lawyer just kept a grin on her face.

"Your honor, we are almost there," She assured the judge and moved back into the line of questions. "Now, Ms. Blake, you had been to the bar before, but I wanted to know if you had met any other women there or was Ms. Torres the first woman that caught your eye."

"She was the only woman that caught my eye there," Penny said with a smile towards Callie. Callie gave her an encouraging smile back, pleased with what she had heard.

"And had you seen her before?"

"Before when?" Penny's head snapped towards the lawyer realizing what she was asking.

"Before the night in the bar. Had you ever seen Ms. Torres before?"

"No we had never met," Penny said but the lawyer lowered her eyes and approached the woman.

"I asked if you had seen her. Not if you had met. Had you ever seen Ms. Torres before?"

Penny shifted uncomfortably in her seat and glanced over at Callie to see that her smile was gone and a look of concern was now on her face.

"Ms. Blake?"

"What?" Penny asked again, looking at the lawyer dumbfounded.

"How about this? You and Ms. Torres started dating not long after you met her in the bar, correct?"

"Yes, that's right."

"And you were happy. When did you tell her that you were the doctor that killed her friend Dr. Derek Shepherd?"

"OBJECTION! Your honor! This line of questioning has gone on long enough." Callie's lawyer stood up clearly upset with where they had been led.

"Your honor the woman sitting with us being questioned with have basic custody of the child in question. These questions are in line with her credibility with one of the mothers as well as the child. We think it's important to know what sort of person will be spending more time with the child rather than the _actual _mother of the child."

The judge thought for a moment. "I'll allow it."

"Now Ms. Blake, when was it that you told your girlfriend that you were the doctor that killed Dr. Shepherd?"

"I was there that night, but I didn't kill him! I asked for the CT! I begged for the CT!"

"Fine. You were just there. But when was it that you told Ms. Torres?"

Penny just sat in her chair, looking a little defeated. "I didn't."

"You didn't? You didn't tell her?"

"No. I didn't know if she knew him. So I never mentioned it."

The lawyer flipped her head towards Penny and stared her down. "You didn't know if she knew him?"

Penny didn't answer but rather just sat and stared at the woman.

"Your telling me, that you didn't know if your girlfriend, an attending at Grey Sloan, a _board member_ at Grey Sloan knew another attending at Grey Sloan who also was a board member? You didn't know if she knew him or not?"

"No. I didn't know if she knew him so I never brought it up."

"You never brought it up?! Never once did it occur to you to think, Hey! I am dating someone from the same hospital! I wonder if she knew him?"

"No," Penny said quietly not looking up at the once face that was staring at her waiting for her to look at her. Callie needed to see those eyes.

"So how about thisâ€¦.have you heard of the Grey Sloan Five?"

"Yes." Penny said quietly causing the lawyer to move across the room at lightening speed.

"I'm sorry, what was that?"

"Yes," Penny said a little louder.

"Okayâ€¦so you have heard of the Grey Sloan fiveâ€¦.would you like to explain to the court who that is? Can you name the five?"

Penny winced and lowered her head again, "Doctor Meredith Shepherd, Doctor Cristina Yang, Doctor Derek Shepherd, Doctor Arizona Robbins, andâ€¦..Doctor Callie Torres."

Part 2

"Penny! Why wouldn't you tell me?"

"Callieâ€¦.you have to give me a chance to explain," Penny started. They were standing outside the courthouse trying to not make a scene, but Callie was clearly losing her cool and people, their friends, HER friends, were starting to glance at them.

"Explain?! Yes! I would love to hear this explanation. Right now, there is nothing I want more than for you to explain to me how you knew who I was before we even met."

"Can we go somewhere, so we can sit?"

"No! Just tell me now! Did you know who I was that night? The night we met in the bar, did you know who I was? Because you sure acted like you didn't know meâ€¦" then suddenly Callie's face went slack and she looked at the other woman. "Waitâ€¦did? Oh my god!" Callie yelled and started walking away with Penny grabbing at her arm pulling her back.

"What? Callie? What?!" Penny asked as Callie just tried to get away

from the other woman.

Callie stopped and looked at the redhead. Stared her right in the eyes when she looked at her and asked her the most important question she would ever ask another person.

"Did you go to Joe's that night to meet me? Did you know I would be there?"

Penny stood looking at her girlfriend. Did she still get to call her that? Was she still her girlfriend? After this? After what she was gong to say would Callie even listen to her?

"Yes."

Callie didn't say anything. She just stood, looking at the redhead. Not able to comprehend what she had just heard. What she had just admitted. How could this be happening?

Callie turned on her heal and started to walk down the stairs again with Penny trailing behind her.

"Callie! Please wait! You have to hear me out! You have to let me speak! Please! You owe me that!" and that caused Callie to stop.

"I owe you? Are you kidding me? I owe you? What could I possibly owe you? You lied to me! You used me! You made me take my ex-wife to court so that I could take our daughter with us to New York because I believed in you! I believed in you!" Callie yelled at her and waited to see what the woman would say. But she said nothing. "Exactly. I owe you nothing! I don't ever want to see you again," Callie said and ran down the steps the rest of the way trying to get away from everyone she knew. The last thing she wanted right now was to talk to anyone. Or to see anyone.

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Arizona had asked Meredith to take Sofia for her for the afternoon. She needed to find Callie and see if she was okay. She couldn't believe things had escalated the way they had in court. She had never intended for things to wind up this way.

She had been to Callie's house, the hospital, the bar and her favorite restaurant, but she was no where to be found. There was one last spotâ€¦..

She walked up on the bench overlooking the Seattle skyline and there she saw the familiar head sitting on her favorite bench. She had to approach her carefully, she knew she wasn't going to be in the best of moods and she needed to make sure she didn't hurt the woman anymore than she had already been hurt.

"Callieâ€¦" She said quietly standing behind the bench. Callie didn't even flinch, it wasas if she knew the blonde was there before she had said anything.

"Did you know?"

"No."

"Then how did your lawyer know to ask?"

"I have no idea. I didn't ask her. I didn't even know she was going to ask those questions. It wasn't something we had talked about. I'm guessing she did it on a hunch."

Callie didn't say anything, but just sat, staring out at the city.

"I know you were just doing what you thought was best Callieâ€¦" Arizona told her as she rounded the bench and sat quietly on the other end, opposite of her wife. From here she could see the tears that had streaked the woman's face. She had been crying for quite some time from the looks of it. "And you have to realizeâ€¦so was I."

Callie glanced over at Arizona then looked at her hands.

"I try so hardâ€¦you know?" Callie started and looked at her ex, who had a confused look on her face. "At love. I try so hard. I fall. My dad told me that when I started dating you. That I fall and I fall hard, and he was right. I doâ€¦.why is it so hard for anyone to just love me?" Callie asked and looked back up at the skyline.

"You are the easiest person in the world to loveâ€¦it's the rest of us that have it wrong. You do realize that right? It isn't you. Loving you was the easiest thing I have ever done."

"Haâ€¦sure!" Callie said with a laugh. "If it was so easy to love me then why did you stop loving me?" Callie said still laughing but not looking at her wife.

"Who said I did?" Arizona said quietly, causing Callie to look slowly at her, trying to understand what she was telling her. "I never stopped loving you Callieâ€¦you just thought I did. I've always loved you, and I always will. Thingsâ€¦.got hard somewhere along the way and we stopped seeing eye-to-eye, but that doesn't mean I stopped loving you."

Callie sat with her mouth hanging open looking at her ex wondering if what she was saying was true. Or was she just saying this to make her feel better.

Callie turned and looked back at the skyline contemplating what Arizona had told her.

"It doesn't sound like you'll be going now," Arizona said after a little bit. She was afraid to say too much.

"Haâ€¦no it looks like I won't be going anywhere," Callie laughed out and then started to really laugh. Hard.

Arizona watched the woman laugh so hard she was bent over and then she saw the tears streaming down her face. It made Arizona start to laugh too. She wasn't sure what Callie was laughing at but she had an infectious laugh that just made Arizona laugh right along with her.

"Am I going to New York? Hahaha!" Callie laughed out even louder now. Arizona just kept on laughing with her, still not sure what was so

funny but she couldn't seem to help herself.

"Callie?" Arizona finally asked as they slowed the laughing down.

"Yeah?"

"What are we laughing at?"

"At how absurd all this is. I mean what are the chances? Really? What are the chances that she would find me? And seek me out. And I never knew. What an idiot," Callie whispered out the end. She had stopped laughing and was now quietly looking out at the skyline again.

"Hey!" Arizona said loudly causing Callie to look at her. "Don't say bad things about the woman I used to love!"

Callie looked at her sharply and lowered her eyes a bit. "I thought you said you still loved me," Callie said with a smirk and looked at Arizona smiling. "Seeâ€¦even you lie to me."

Arizona looked at her in the eyes and stared her down. Not flinching, not blinking daring the other woman to look away.

"I'm not lying to you Callie. It's you. It's always been you. I know you are technically still with Penny, but just so you know, when you get everything sorted out and you're ready, whether that is a month from now or six months. I'd love the chance to take you out on a date. I'd love the opportunity to show you how I really feel about you."

Callie just stared at her with her moth hanging open. Unsure of what to say.

"Callie you need to close your mouth. Now how about this, for now, why don't we go pick up our daughter and take her to dinner? Show her what a family really is?"

Callie promptly closed her mouth and looked at Arizona not believing what she was hearing.

"Because I do love you Callie. I've always loved you and I'd love another chanceâ€¦.Another chance to show you and not to screw it up this time because this time, we'll both do it right. We'll listen and talk to each other and his time neither of us will do anything to run the other one off."

Callie looked at her and turned back to the skyline not saying anything, then stood up and started to walk around the bench. Arizona watched her intently wondering what she was doing u til finally she started walking down the trail and turned back.

"Are you coming or what? I can't do this by myself. If we are going to try this again it starts now."

Arizona jumped up and ran around the back to join Callie and they walked down the path together.

"We'll go slow this time," Arizona told her as they walked and Callie

just nodded her head.

"I think that's good. I'm going to need slow. But we will need some rules in the meantime," Callie told her with a smile as they walked. Arizona scrunched up her face. "No sleeping with anyone at the bar. Those days are over."

"Deal," Arizona said with a small smile as they were almost to their cars. Finally Arizona reached for Callie's hand. It was just for a moment but she needed the connection, just for that moment.

"Oh Arizona?" Callie said as they stopped by their cars. Arizona stopped and looked at her.

"Yeah?"

"Thanks. I didn't think I'd be saying that after this whole thing was over, but I think this is the start of something beautiful."

"Me too. Now let's go get our daughter."

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